



Maricopa County
Local Emergency Planning Committee

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SUMMARY MINUTES MARICOPA COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (MCLEPC)

December 2, 1998

A meeting of the Maricopa County Local Emergency Planning Committee (MCLEPC) was convened on December 2, 1998 at 2:06 pm at the City of Phoenix Fire Department, Administrative Conference Room, 150 South 12th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85034.

Membership Attendance

- *Members in Attendance --*
Chairman Robert Spencer, Vice Chairman John Geier, Terry Petko, Bob Atkinson, Bob Hansen, Ron Fleming, MaryAlice Witzel, Brain Haney, Bob Weeden, Alan Jensen, Tom Abbott, Steve Storment, and Recording Secretary Letha Wilcox.
- *Members Absent --*
Sheriff Apario, Daniel Casiraro, Steve Brittle, John Gardner, John Powers, William Hughes, Richard Colson, Chris Kelly, John Powers and Brian Mathews.
- *Others in Attendance --*
Scott Meyer, Don't Waste Arizona, Inc; Ray Ferguson, Chair Arizona Time for Truth; Doug Johnson, Terminal Manager Groendyke Transport Inc; Bob Scabo, Olin Microelectronics Materials; Capt Bruce Van Sryce, Laveen Fire Department; Debbie Campbell; Astrida Bertleson; A Marlow, FCI Phoenix; Leroy Smith, Jr., FCI Phoenix, Richard Thomas, Samaritan Regional Poison Center; and Fire Marshall Steve Sandell.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 pm by Chairman, Robert Spencer, with a quorum of the membership in attendance.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 30, 1998 meeting was made and seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Better BOLDER Project

Chief Storment gave a very brief overview on the Better BOLDER Project to the committee. Mr. Spencer informed the committee that there was \$30,000 left from the BOLDER and LEPC grant fund, and that it was recommended that \$27,500 of this money be used towards Better BOLDER project with the rest going to PSAs. A brief discussion ensued with regards to this recommendation and that the Phoenix Fire Department should administer the funds since they were in charge of the Better BOLDER project. Ron Fleming made a motion that the Phoenix Fire Department administer the funds and it was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved. A letter will be submitted to Mike Ardeto, with the EPA with regards to the funding and how it will be used.

Mesa Fire Department's Response to Poly Tech Southwest Fire

Ms Bertleson had sent in a letter to Mr. Spencer addressing several issues that concerned her regarding this fire and how it was handled. The letter had requested further assistance with these concerns and it was decided that these issues be address at this meeting, therefore Chief John Geier has been requested to give an overview of what had transpired at this incident.

Chief Geier gave a brief overview of the incident. The investigation is still going on, but at this time it looks like the fire was a result of ordinary combustibles being stored improperly stored near tires that had been shredded into 2-inch size pieces. The fire notification came into dispatch at about 11:10 in the evening, the first truck was on scene approximately 20 minutes later and began operations. The operations included several vehicles and a command was setup. They began a rapid attack of the fire, but as with any tire fire it took quite a while to extinguish. The fire department crews finally pulled off at about 12 o'clock the next day with the fire completely extinguished.

He has spoken to Ms Bertleson with regards to her concerns in addressed in her letter. One of the concerns was the fact that the people in the area were not notified. It was the decision of the command officer that they were not going to initiate any type of evacuation of the area, but they did monitor the area and had Dale Anderson from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality on scene to help with the monitoring.

Chief Geier feels that the main issue is how the public can be notified of an incident in their area. One of Ms Bertleson's suggestion was notification by a telephone call out. Mr. Spencer introduced a package that had been sent to him regarding computer calling systems, which included a video. The video was shown to the committee and the public in attendance. The LEPC recommends that such systems should be investigated as a means of notify the public of emergencies

Video Presentation

Steve Brittle had forwarded a copy of a public service announcement video, "LEPC-Corpus Christi, Personal Safety Plan for Chemical Emergencies," that had been designed by the Corpus Christi LEPC. This video was shown to the committee and public in attendance. A brief discussion followed with everyone in agreement that it gave us some good ideas on how to do our own PSAs.

Subcommittee Reports

- **Education Subcommittee** -- Subcommittee Chair Steve Brittle was not available to give a report on the October 14th meeting of the subcommittee. Letha Wilcox, who attended the meeting, gave a very brief overview of what was discussed at the meeting.
- **Grant Subcommittee** -- Interim Subcommittee Chair Bob Spencer informed the committee that there was no activity at this time.

- **Membership Subcommittee** -- Subcommittee Chair Ron Fleming briefed the committee on the meeting that was held on November 23rd. The subcommittee decided to keep Shelly Jamison on the committee as a private citizen, due to her connections with media and that letters of dismissal were to be sent out to a couple of members who have not attended in a long time. Also, Doug Johnson from Groendyke Transport, Inc. was to submit a letter requesting membership, due to his expertise in transportation of chemicals, etc. Also, Ron stated that we are now at almost a 100% of the required membership positions.

Dr. Richard Thomas, Director of the Poison Control Center, stood up at this time and gave a brief on his background and stated his desire to become a member of the committee. He was requested to submit a letter to Ron Fleming for review by the subcommittee and then submittal to the main body.

A new membership will be given out with the current changes.

- **Plans Subcommittee** -- Subcommittee Chair Bob Spencer stated that the subcommittee would be having a meeting shortly to do the annual review of the plan. Draft copies of the County Emergency Operations Plan has gone out to various agencies for review, and should be ready to submit to the Board of Supervisors for signature within the first quarter of the year.
- **Rules Subcommittee** -- Subcommittee Chair John Gardner not present at the meeting. No report given on the Rules Subcommittee.

Old Business

No old business to be handled at this time.

New Business

No new business at this time.

1999 Meeting Calendar

It was decided by the committee members to have a meeting on the first Wednesday of each quarter with the summer meeting to be held in the evening. Request was put out for people to host these meetings.

Call to the Public

- Ms Bertleson thanked the committee for putting her letter on the agenda and addressing her concerns.
- Scott Meyer, Don't Waste Arizona, Inc. -- Mr. Meyer voiced his opinions with regards to awareness training of non-responders (people living near the facility); about the 112r reporting requirements and notification of residents, etc.

A brief discussion ensued with regards to these matters. Also, it was mentioned that the third week of November has been designated as Emergency Preparedness Week and that we should get involved in this. Two major suggestions were that a we get someone on the committee with marketing experience, to help us get the information out and that we send a letter to the AZREC asking how we can participate in the week. A motion was made to establish a goal for 1999 to participate in the Emergency Preparedness Week and seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was passed unanimously.

- Ray Ferguson, AZ Time for Truth -- Mr. Ferguson thanked the fire departments for the job that they

did in responding the incidents.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Spencer at 3:25.

The next meeting will be held on January 6, 1999 at 2:00 pm at a location to be announced.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1998

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Submitted By: Letha M. Wilcox, Recording Secretary

Reviewed By: Robert Spencer, LEPC Chair

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Approved as is by majority vote of the LEPC Membership in attendance on January 6, 1999